#### PATENT APPLICATION

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#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s):

Michael L. Bessire

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**Group Art Unit:** 

2113

Title:

A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENSURING THE AVAILABILITY OF A STORAGE

**SYSTEM** 

**Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents** PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

### TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:			
Tran	nsmitted herewith is/are the following in the	above-identified application:	
(X)	Response/Amendment	( ) Petition to extend time to res	pond
( )	New fee as calculated below	( ) Supplemental Declaration	
(X)	No additional fee		
( )	Other:	(fee \$	)
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(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	NUMBER HIGHEST NUMBER		(5) PRESENT EXTRA		(6) RATE		(7) ADDITIONAL FEES	
TOTAL CLAIMS	18 MINUS		20		=	0	х	\$18		0
INDEP. CLAIMS	5	MINUS	6		=	0	× \$88			
[ ] FIR	ST PRESENTATION OF A	A MULTIPLE	DEPENDEN"	T CLAIM			+	\$300	\$	0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00		MONTH 0.00	3RD MON \$980.00			H MONTH		\$	0
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to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this 0 application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date of Deposit: 10/22/2004

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Respectfully submitted,

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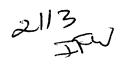
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# **RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The non-final Office Action mailed July 22, 2004 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

## **AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.